

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A color-correcting method comprising the steps of:
printing a test image by an output unit on the basis of test image data carrying
reference color development characteristic information;
reading the printed test image by an input unit to obtain image data;
calculating output-correcting values by the controller on the basis of the differences
between the color development characteristic information included in the test image data read
by the input unit and sent through a line from the input unit to the controller, and the
reference color development characteristic information sent through the same line as that of
the test image data from the input unit to the controller;

inputting image data into an input unit;

correcting the image data input into the input unit by using output-correcting values by
a controller to obtain color-corrected image data; and

printing an image represented by the color-corrected image data corrected by the
controller by an output.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A color-correcting system comprising:

an input unit that receives image data;

a controller storing output-correcting value, for correcting the image data received by
the input unit by using the output-correcting values; and

an output unit that prints an image on the basis of the corrected image data obtained
by correcting the image data by the controller,

wherein:

the controller has test image data including reference color development characteristic information, the input unit reads the test image printed on the basis of the test image data by the output unit, and

the controller calculates output-correcting values on the basis of the difference between the color development characteristic information included in the test image data read by the input unit and sent through a line from the input unit to the controller and the reference color development characteristic information sent through the same line as that of the test image data from the input unit to the controller.

4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The color-correcting system according to claim 3, wherein the controller changes the output-correcting values in accordance with printing conditions.
6. (Original) The color-correcting system according to claim 3, wherein the controller stores a plurality of sets of output-correcting values and selects an appropriate set of output-correcting values in accordance with printing conditions.
7. (Original) The color-correcting system according to claim 3, wherein the output unit is a sublimation dye transfer printer.
- 8-17. (Canceled)